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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The Office Action of December 9, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the  
following amendments and remarks are made in response thereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 1.

Please amend claims 2-7 as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in claim 8,  
wherein  
the auxiliary layer has a layer thickness in the range of 20 to 100 nm.

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